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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
AND
STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

This is a response to the final Office Action dated June 16, 2008 in the above-identified application.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during a telephone conversation on July 22, 2008. During that conversation, Applicant's representative noted that the effective date for U.S. Patent No. 7,136,368 (Inoue) as a reference is the U.S. filing date of September 7, 2001, and not the